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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS UPCHURCH AND APPOINTS GREASON TO RAILROAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Gene Upchurch** of Raleigh and appointed **Murray C. Greason Jr.** of Winston-Salem to the North Carolina Railroad Board of Directors.

Upchurch is vice president for State Public Affairs and Economic Development at Progress Energy. He received a Bachelor's degree in journalism from UNC at Chapel Hill.

Greason is an attorney at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. He is a former chair of the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees, the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Forsyth County. Greason was awarded the Dr. I. Beverly Lake Public Service Award from the North Carolina Bar Association in 2005. He received a Bachelor's degree in political science from Wake Forest University and a juris doctorate from the Wake Forest University School of Law.

The board oversees operations of the N. C. Railroad Company. The board has 13 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints seven members. The Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore each appoint three members.

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